

**AQUE**  
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**Oakmere**

17:354 [12 April 1306]

The townships of Cholmondley, Bulkeley, Egerton and Bickley presented that a woman called Eva de Wirral had drowned a boy of hers in the water called Oakmere. Eva was exacted five times but did not appear, so she was outlawed. She had no goods to be seized.

Cholmondley was in Broxton hundred, and of the adjoining townships only Bickley, Egerton and Bulkeley were in Broxton hundred, the remainder (Ridley, Faddiley and Norbury) being in Eddisbury and Wych Malbanc hundreds. Most of Cholmondeley township became part of Cholmondeley Castle park, in the landscaped grounds of which are two lakes, Chapel Mere and Deer Park Mere or Moss Mere.

[An unrelated Oakmere in Delamere forest gave its name to Oakmere township created when the newly-created Delamere Forest parish was divided, in 1819, into Kingswood, Eddisbury, Delamere and Oakmere.]

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*[exact'] p<sup>i</sup>mo*

*Villate de Cholmu'del', Bulkel', Eg'ton' & Bykele p'sentant q'd queda' Mulier vocata Eua de Wirhale subm'sit quemda' pueru' suu' in aqua que vocat' Okmere qui quidem puer +n<sup>c</sup> Eua+ nich' h'uit in bon' & p'd'ca Eua vocata p<sup>i</sup>mo no' venit. I'o exig'. s'cdo*

17:421 [31 May 1306]

*Exacta s'cdo*

*Eua de Wyrhale exacta s'cdo ad sectam d'ni Com' de hoc q'd subm'sit pueru' suu' no' ven'. I'o. exig' t'cio.*

17:494 [12 July 1306]

*Exacta t'cio*

*Eua de Wyrhale exact' t'cio ad secta' Com' p eo q'd subm'sit pueru' suu' &c', no' ven' [I'o exig' quarto]*

17:587 [6 September 1306]

*exacta q<sup>a</sup>rto*

*Eua de Wirhale exacta quarto ad secta' Com' p eo q'd subm'sit pu'um suu' no' ven'. I'o exig'. quinto*

17:681 [27 September 1306]

*vtlag'*

*Eua de Wirhal exacta q<sup>i</sup>nto ad secta' d'ni Comit<sup>s</sup> p eo q'd subm'st pu'm suu' pp'u' no' ven' I'o vtlag'*

British Library Ancient Deeds C 7347 is an indenture of 13 October 9 Henry VIII [1517] 'witnessing that [Edmund Audley], bishop of Salisbury, Sir Richard Cholmundele, knight, Master Edward Molyneux, parson of Sefton, Ralph Larden, vicar of . . ., Richard Williamson, priest, John Brereton, clerk,

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Richard Leftwiche, Richard Hassall, and Gilbert Dutton, feoffees of the lands of Richard Cholmundeleý, deceased, have demised to Elizabeth, late the wife of the said Richard Cholmundeleý, for her life, for her dower, the manor of Capenhurst and all messuages, lands, &c., there and in Chorley, Malpas, Egge, Larton, and Bikerton (except a windmill in Capenhurst), two messuages and all lands, &c., in Cholmundeleý in the tenure of Henry and Robert Tomlynson of the More, the third part of the ‘falling woods’ of Birtle, a water called ‘Okmere’ with the fishing, and 40 cartloads of turf from Cholmundeleý moss; Elizabeth to retain her dower-rights in lands in Churchemyshull and Routon, and to have a lease of the manor of Cholmundeleý for six years at a yearly rent of 21*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.*, of which she is to retain 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for the maintenance of Richard’s children.

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